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To: pstestimony
Subject: Please Support HB 5408, Presentation of Carry Permits

That moment when your husband and daughter walk into a local subway and are faced with a man LEGALLY openly "packing heat" on each hip. Yes, two guns on his belt, in plain sight, like it's the wild west.

BILL HB 5408 - authorizes police to require persons openly carrying handguns in public to produce their permit.

Right now, police can only ask to see permits ONLY IF there is reasonable suspicion of a crime.

OPPOSE HB 5409, which would take away the right of police chiefs to ask for additional documents or other information, in addition to the basic application, to determine the suitability of a person seeking a permit to carry handguns in public.

SUPPORT SB 20, which would change the definition of carrying a firearm when intoxicated by reducing the prohibited ratio of alcohol in the blood and would be consistent with the driving while intoxicated standard.

To members of the Public Safety and Security Committee of the CT Legislature:

I wanted to voice my support for HB 5408, which requires persons who carry handguns in public to have their permits on their person at all times and to show those permits when requested by police. The open carrying of handguns generates fear and intimidation among many members of the public. An individual's refusal to show their permit when requested by a policeman goes even further in instilling fear. The approval of this bill is critical in honoring the public's right to shop, live, and go about their business in a climate of relative safety and security.

Sincerely,

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